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1. The large garrison of Kreis Salzwedel and area, which was centred on Beetzendorf Training Area (Y-26), began withdrawing on 20 November 1946. The troops moved by rail in small detachments of approximately fifty men at a time.
2. On 8 December 1946 only approximately 300 troops remained in Beetzendorf.
3. Russian officers in the Salzwedel area have received orders to have their families ready for departure to the USSR at any time after 7 December 1946.
4. The strength of the frontier troops along the Demarcation Line north of the Autobahn in Regierungsbezirk Magdeburg has been greatly reduced since 15 November 1946. Only frontier troops remain at their original strength on the main roads across the Demarcation Line, e.g. at Walbeck (Y-21), Obisfelde (Y-23) and Arendsee (Y-58).
5. It is rumored that frontier guard duties in this area will be taken over by German Police, but this had not taken effect by 15 December 1946.

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